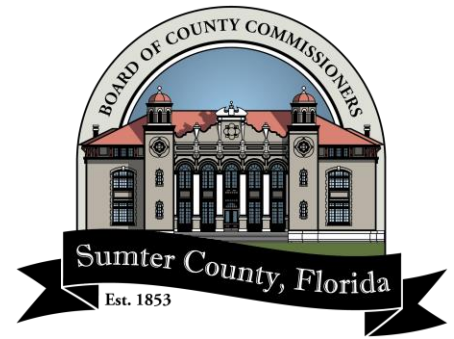


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September 21, 2021

The Villages Center Community Development District  
Attn: District Manager  
984 Old Mill Run  
The Villages, Florida 32162

RE: Interlocal Service Agreement – Dispute Resolution Initiation

Dear Mr. Baier,

Sumter County, by notice of this letter, is initiating the dispute resolution process according to Section 7 of the Interlocal Service Agreement dated February 6, 2019 for the District's failure to comply with Section 2. b. a. of the Fire Service Delivery Sub-Agreement.

No funds were returned to Sumter County by the District for fiscal years ending September 30, 2019 and September 30, 2020. Based on the County Auditor investigation, (see attached chain of communication with the District's Finance Director), the District chose, contrary to the Agreement, to use all of Sumter County funds before using any other jurisdiction provided funding to ensure no funds were returned to Sumter County and contrary to the proportionate share demonstrated in the District's budget documentation.

The County Administrator attempted to resolve this issue before the end of the current fiscal year to avoid compounding this non-compliance for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2021; however, an impasse was reached requiring the Dispute Resolution section of the Agreement.

The disbursement of the proposed fund to the District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2022 will be held in abeyance until Sumter County's approval of the resolution to the District's non-compliance according to Section 12 of the Agreement.

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The County Attorney and County Administrator are ready to proceed with the Dispute Resolution process.

Sincerely,

Garry Breeden  
Chairman

cc: Bradley Arnold, County Administrator  
Jennifer Rey, County Attorney

Attachment: Email Chain of Communication between the County Auditor and District Finance Director